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For: CONDUIT COUPLING DEVICE)	
AND METHODS FOR)	
EMPLOYING SUCH DEVICES)	

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

Request for a One-Month Extension of Time to Respond begins of page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 6 of this paper.

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